

**O'NEILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 12, 2011**

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**BOARD MEMBERS**

Marge Ziska – President  
Gene Chohon – Vice President  
Jim Gotschall – Vice President-Elect  
Ellen Boshart – Member  
Brad Ducker – Member  
Amy Rowse – Member

**ADMINISTRATORS**

Amy Shane – Superintendent  
Steve Brosz – High School Principal  
Jennifer Widner – Elementary Principal  
Nick Hostert – Activities Director  
Kathy Grossnicklaus – Special Education Director

**Board Secretary**

Kathleen Marvin

**Board Treasurer**

James Rabe

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The **regular** meeting of the O'Neill Public School Board of Education was called to order by President Marge Ziska at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, September 12, 2011 in the meeting room at 410 East Benton. This meeting was advertised in the Holt County Independent on September 9, 2011, and over KBRX Radio.

Board Secretary Kathy Marvin called the roll with Ellen Boshart, Gene Chohon, Jim Gotschall, Amy Rowse, and Marge Ziska present. Brad Ducker was absent. His absence was excused.

Brad Ducker arrived at 7:51 p.m.

Administrators Amy Shane, Steve Brosz, Nick Hostert, Jennifer Widner, and Kathy Grossnicklaus were also present.

Visitors were welcomed and informed that this meeting was in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

Ellen Boshart **moved, to approve the meeting agenda.** Gene Chohon **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Chohon, Gotschall, Rowse, Ziska, and Boshart.

Gene Chohon **moved, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2011 regular meeting as presented without reading.** Jim Gotschall **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Gotschall, Rowse, Ziska, Boshart, and Chohon.

Gene Chohon **moved, to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2011 special meeting as presented without reading.** Ellen Boshart **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Gotschall, Rowse, Ziska, Boshart, and Chohon.

**Elementary Building Project**

Building & Grounds Committee met with the architect and the construction manager prior to the regular school board meeting. Members reported that the project has fallen slightly behind the original timeline, however; still feel that the December completion date will be met. The relocation of the playground is anticipated to be completed within the next week.

**Soccer as a Spring Sport**

School Board Members listened to discussion led by Ron Bennetts regarding the addition of girls and boys soccer as a high school spring sport. Jim Gotschall **moved, to add girls and boys soccer as a spring sport.** **Motion died due to lack of second.**

**Admission Requirements Policy #5105**

Gene Chohon **moved, to approve the Admission Requirements Policy # 5105 as amended.** Ellen Boshart **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Ziska, Boshart, Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, and Rowse.

**Attendance Policy # 5120**

Ellen Boshart **moved, to approve the Attendance Policy # 5120 as amended.** Gene Chohon **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Boshart, Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, and Ziska.

**Foreign Exchange Students Policy # 5105.2**

Amy Rowse **moved, to adopt the Foreign Exchange Students Policy # 5105.2 as presented.** Gene Chohon **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, Ziska, and Boshart.

**Full-Time and Part-Time Enrollment Policy # 5105.1**

Brad Ducker **moved, to approve the Full-Time and Part-Time Enrollment Policy # 5105.1 as amended.** Amy Rowse **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, Ziska, Boshart, and Chohon.

**Use of School Facilities Policy # 1325**

No action necessary.

**Concussion Awareness Policy # 5406**

Amy Rowse **moved, to adopt the Concussion Awareness Policy # 5406 as presented.** Ellen Boshart **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Gotschall, Rowse, Ziska, Boshart, Chohon, and Ducker.

**Negotiations**

Gene Chohon **moved, to accept the O'Neill Education Association as the sole bargaining agent for the 2012-2013 school year negotiations.** Amy Rowse **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Rowse, Ziska, Boshart, Chohon, Ducker, and Gotschall.

**2011-2012 Budget**

Ellen Boshart **moved, to adopt the 2011-2012 budget as presented.** Gene Chohon **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Ziska, Boshart, Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, and Rowse.

**2011-2012 O'Neill Public School Budget as presented:**

General Fund	\$ 9,286,591	
Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ <u>2,145,000</u>	
Total General Fund Requirements:		\$ 11,431,591
Depreciation Fund		\$ 1,100,400
Employee Benefit Fund		\$ 32,583
Activities Fund		\$ 445,000

School Lunch		\$ 479,583
Bond Fund	\$ 368,050	
Necessary Cash Reserve	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	
Total Bond Fund Requirements:		\$ 518,050
Special Building Fund		\$ 635,311
Cooperative Fund		\$ 60,000
Student Fee Fund		<u>\$ 48,125</u>
		\$ 14,750,643

**2011-2012 Tax Request Resolution**

Brad Ducker **moved, to approve the tax request as presented.** Gene Chohon **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Boshart, Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, and Ziska.

**2011-2012  
TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION  
FOR  
HOLT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 45-0007**

**WHEREAS,** public notice was given at least five days in advance of a Special Public Hearing called for the purpose of discussion and approving or modifying the District’s Tax Requests for the 2011-2012 school fiscal year for the General Fund, the Bond Fund, and the Building Fund of the Holt County School District No. 7; and,

**WHEREAS,** such Special Public Hearings were held before the Board of Education (hereinafter “the Board”) of Holt County School District No. 7 (hereinafter “the District”) at the time, date, and place announced in the notice published in a newspaper of general circulation, a copy of which notice and proof of publication of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, all as required by law; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Board provided an opportunity to receive comment, information and evidence from persons in attendance at such Special Hearings; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Board, after having reviewed the District’s Tax Requests for each said fund, and after public consideration of the matter has determined that the Final Tax Requests as listed below are necessary in order to carry out the functions of the District, as determined by the Board for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

**NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that (1) the Tax Request for the General Fund should be and hereby is set at \$6,377,756.50 for a tax rate of .967770 for the 2011-2012 school fiscal year; (2) the Tax Request for the Bond Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$455,371.71 for a tax rate of .166968 for the 2011-2012 school fiscal year; (3) the Tax Request for the Building Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$00.00 for a tax rate of .0000 for the 2011-2012 school fiscal year.

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**Adoption of Nebraska State Science Standards**

Ellen Boshart moved, to adopt the revised Nebraska State Science Standards. Amy Rowse seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0. Voting Aye: Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, Ziska, and Boshart.

**Football Co-op with Ewing**

Gene Chohon moved, to enter into another two year co-op for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years with Ewing in the area of football. Amy Rowse seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0. Voting Aye: Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, Ziska, Boshart, and Chohon.

**Surplus Equipment/Curricular Materials**

Amy Rowse moved, to authorize the superintendent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment and curricular materials during the 2011-2012 school year. Ellen Boshart seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0. Voting Aye: Gotschall, Rowse, Ziska, Boshart, Chohon, and Ducker.

**Option Enrollment Report**

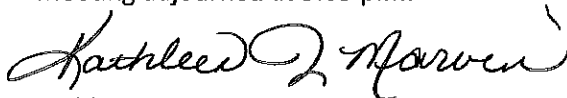
No action necessary.

**Bills and Claims and Payroll Report**

Amy Rowse moved, to approve the bills and claims and accept the payroll report as presented. Gene Chohon seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0. Voting Aye: Rowse, Ziska, Boshart, Chohon, Ducker, and Gotschall.

Amy Rowse moved, to adjourn the meeting, Ellen Boshart seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0. Voting Aye: Ziska, Boshart, Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, and Rowse.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.



Kathleen Marvin  
School Board Secretary Holt Co. Dist. #7